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CARAVAN SITEFOR GYPSIES COULD

A travellers caravan site in Bishops Green could be given permission to expand after an expert confirmed the family are in fact gypsies.

A decision on whether the owners should be allowed to bring in Bishops Green Parish Council status of the residents. extra mobile homes was post- objected to the plans and said the poned in May after more than one hour of debate by Basingstoke councillors.

Councillors said they wanted to Broxis said: "We are not anti-

defer the decision until it could traveller.

brought in verified their gypsy "We were not convinced that status in a report published yes- the occupants were travellers."

edge of the village to five mobile us interpret the law.

By Mathew Di Salvo

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Ecchinswell, Sydminton and

be made clearer if the applicants were gypsies. "This is not a fight against gypsies. We are just trying to apply the law as it should be applied."

"We were not convinced that

Mr Broxis said he had writ-And council officers recomtent to the government asking opposing the plans.

mended the plans – for two extra for help on the how to apply the mobile homes, a new community law when the status of travelling control committee meeting next

building and car parking - be approved.

He added: "The law is not that the status of the law is not that law

"I would like to feel that we due to start at 6.30pm.

make a decision that will be both fair and lawful."

A gypsy and traveller liaison officer, Geoff Scrutton, was hired by Basingstoke and Deane Bor-ough Council to investigate the

He ruled both children had a "nomadic habit of life"

Parish Councillor, John Izett said: "It is very important that the committee is certain that the residents are gypsies.

"Due to people in the area opposing it, we had to be absolutely sure that the children have

gypsy status."
A total of 294 letters of objection were sent to the borough council

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Angry residents' alarm warning

ELDERLY residents branded plans to remove pull cord alarm systems in their sheltered housing flats as 'frankly disgusting' on Tuesday.

Hampshire County Council Ward. proposals.

fall – are part of county council Delphine Pay, 73, launched a budget cuts.

lived at John Eddie Court since tures. last November, said: "The way the county council is behaving of five years said: "Everyone is is frankly disgusting.

"I don't know how else to what is going to happen.

if this place would turn into a terrible to do this. The people slum. We've got to stand up for that are really vulnerable need our rights.'

ough Council councillors Seán a flat battery." Keating, Colin Regan, and Tony He agreed to fight the meas-Jones, as well as Hampshire ures at county council level.

By Mathew Di Salvo

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About 40 residents from John county councillor, Chriss Con-Eddie Court in South Ham nor and the head of supported expressed concerns for the housing at Sovereign, Stephanie

Last week Basingstoke and The move – to remove the Deane Borough Council agreed alarm used by the elderly if they to condemn the plans.

petition against the proposals Brian Hurford, 67, who has which has more than 60 signa-

> The John Eddie Court resident uptight because they aren't sure

describe it.

"We all rely on the pull cord system. We need it. Without the pull cord system. I think it's

Housing-run centre met with plans were raised at a county substantial need" would receive systems) and who won't. Basingstoke and Deane Bor- council but they "fell flatter than new special alarms if the current Another meeting to update

Residents at the Sovereign Cllr Connor told residents the future, only those with "critical get high-class support (alarm

Stephanie Ward said the county the plans is due to take place council would use individual on September 15.

· John Eddie resident Brian Hurford with his alarm

Residents were told that in the assessments to decide who will

system were to be removed. residents on the progress of

Teen attacked by group of laughing men A TEENAGE girl was attacked towards the Seafare chip shop is in his 20s and is described as said: "The incident took place at about 5ft 10ins, olive skinned, of the side of a busy road in broad passed a group of three men." A TEENAGE girl was attacked towards the Seafare chip shop is in his 20s and is described as said: "The incident took place at about 5ft 10ins, olive skinned, of the side of a busy road in broad daylight."

Police released an E-fit (below) about 6.50pm on July 11.

The 17-year-old was walking

passed a group of three men.

The three men laughed and The other two men were of a newsagents?" then walked away.

a large muscular build.

One of them grabbed her, made He was clean-shaven, with with an accent.

similar appearance.

daylight.

"Did you see a teenager being on Tuesday of a man they want a vulgar comment and pushed spiked hair, wearing a dark col- assaulted on Normandy Street to question about the assault at her away, and scratched her oured polo shirt and he spoke near to the now closed Barley Mow public house or the old

Anyone with information is Police wish to speak a man who Police constable Simon Denton asked to call police on 101.

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SATs resuts

CHILDREN in Hampshire primary schools have per-formed well in their key stage 2 Standard Assessments Tests (SATs).

A total of 89 per cent of children in year six at school (aged ten to 11) achieved the nationally expected level four or above in maths, while 91 per cent achieved the grade in reading and 87 per cent in

The percentage of those achieving level four in all areas has reached 82 per cent.

Athletes in action

A TOTAL of 28 athletes across Hampshire will be competing at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow from

A scheme funded by Hamp-shire County Council – Hamp-shire Talented Athlete Scheme - supported 11 of those athletes reach world-class status by providing them with grants to help pay for equipment and

training. The athletes will be competing across 17 different sports at the games, which start today and runs until August 3.

Summer events

BASINGSTOKE Hobbycraft, on Winchester Road, will be launching free workshops and activities for families over the summer.

Starting this Saturday at 11am, there will be a loom band swap shop where people can come into the store and exchange bracelets with other loom band enthusiasts.

All other activities will take place between 11am and 3pm.

These include puppet making on July 30 and August 13, face painting on August 16 and 23, puppet making on August 27 and more face painting on August 30.

New evening bus service for town

Borough Council service will Park. run until 11.30pm on Fridays

The Basingstoke and Deane and Chineham; and Kempshoft real need for late night public People will be able to buy a

Basingstoke councillor Cathy for partnerships, said: "I am needs are met." five different routes to and from: the pilot evening bus service. and rail stations and will con-continue the service.

A NEW evening bus service Brighton Hill; Baughurst via "The council has listened to nect with an incoming evening for Basingstoke will launch Tadley and Sherbourne St John; the feedback from local peoral service from London Water-son August 1. South Ham; Winklebury; Popley ple which showed there was a loo. transport.

and Saturdays for the next nine Osselton, the cabinet member Stagecoach to ensure that their ing the routes at night.

"night rider" ticket too, which "We have worked hard with will save them money when rid-

After the nine-month pilot the People will be able to travel on delighted to see the launch of All routes will run via the bus council will decide whether to



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A TRAVEL shop at Basingstoke's bus station will be open to the public on Satur-

The Stagecoach shop, which is open on weekdays from 9.30am to 5.30pm, is also opening on Saturdays

The local operations man-

hub, being part of the Festival

"We find that many people

still prefer the option of face to

face contact and being talked

Place shopping complex.

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Travel shop

days from July 26.

from 9am to 3pm.

Emergency cash for future flooding vetoed

PLANS for an emergency pot of money to help protect Buck-skin from future flooding were rejected last week.

Councillors at a full meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough of the Popley East ward. Council last Thursday, July 17,

2013 to 2014 put aside for the dents." flood-ravaged Buckskin area of About 70 homes had to be evac- and they dealt with it. it is hit by flooding again.

Anglo-Saxon cemetery.

It was found along with a sword,

shield boss and spear heads.

By Mathew Di Salvo

He said: ""It must be right for However council leader Clive gency funds would cover the Hamps this council because it can afford Sanders said: "I can tell you that entire borough rather than being ruary.

February floods.

a surplus on our budget?

taking that resource and apply-ing it to areas of spend that would The motion was altered during planned for 2013 to 2014. genuinely benefit residents."

Basingstoke as a reserve in case uated in Buckskin during the "If we are going to have actions votes in support of the plans.

would we not do it when we have Reid, of Hatch Warren and Beg-ingstoke and Deane Borough garwood, described the proposal Council.

the meeting so that the emer- More than 300 homes across However council leader Clive gency funds would cover the Hampshire were flooded in Feb-

was in Buckskin, but they got on was also rejected - by a narrow damaged roads and build flood margin of 28 votes against and 27 protection schemes.

The motion was put forward by Labour councillor Paul Har-covers all areas." added to the Stability and Resil-out sandbags, clearing trees. Labour councillor David Potter, very, of Norden ward, said: "Why Conservative councillor Terri ience Risk Reserve fund for Bas-cleaning up, came to £5m.

"There is nothing wrong with as "premature and unneces- The council did not spend £1,820,000 of their budget

Hampshire County Council

The cost of emergency response taken we should make sure it covers all areas." The £322,000 is instead being during floods, including handing added to the Stability and Resil- out sandbags, clearing trees and

ager for Stagecoach, Shelley Usher, commented: "The bús station is a very busy

> through the travel options available."

Camping event

MORE than 15 families enjoyed a weekend of camping at the National Trust heritage site The Vyne last weekend.

The camping weekend was part of the National Trust's 50 things to do before you are 11% campaign which runs until September.

Charity support

THE Sainsbury's in Tadley has announced their charity for the year will be The Loddon Valley Day Care Centre.

The annual charity partnership scheme sees the shop pick a charity to support. The Tadley-based charity

provides caré for older peoplé and respite for carers. It is the third time the charity

has been chosen by staff at the Tadley Sainsbury's.

A partnérship launch is due to take place on Saturday, July 26.

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voted down the proposals. this council because it can afford Sanders said: "I can tell you that entire borough rather The plans would have seen the to do so, to put aside money to the flooding in St Mary Bourne just for Basingstoke. £322,200 council surplus from support its vulnerable resi- was significantly worse than it However this amended motion calculated £63m costs to repair

Alton buckle showcased in the Netherlands ONE of Hampshire's finest The buckle will spend the communities and countryside, 6th and 7th Centuries and shows The buckle's silver gilt body is treasures dug up in Alton has summer in the Dutch National Keith Chapman, said: "It is a signs of having been regularly of a triangular shape set with

warrior in the Mount Pleasant buckle was previously on display to enjoy the beauty of the Alton and was borrowed for the Dutch. It is dubbed the finest piece of in the Curtis Museum in Alton. Buckle."

Hampshire County Council's The piece would have been exhibition.

been lent to the Dutch national museum.

Museum of Antiquities - Rijksmuseum.

The Alton Buckle was found in the grave of an Anglo-Saxon

Discovered in the 1960s, the world will take the opportunity

Museum of Antiquities - Rijksnational museum and I hope many people from around the world will take the opportunity is of international significance base.

executive member for culture, worn to fasten a belt during the

museum's "Golden Middle Ages" Anglo-Saxon craftmanship to

to replace the buckle burial site. in November.

have been found in Hampshire, The exhibition runs until Octo- and among the most beautiful ber 26 featuring pieces and accomplished Anglo-Saxon from around the world. pieces to have been found out-A replica will be used side the famous Sutton Hoo

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Faster broadband

A TOTAL of 11,000 more homes in rural parts of Hampshire will be provided with access to high speed Internet this year.

Phase three of the multimillion Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme will include homes in rural parts of Basingstoke, East Hampshire, Romsey and New Forest.

The programme aims to provide 95 per cent of all premises with access to superfast broadband by the end of 2017.

Quiz success

A WOMAN from Basingstoke reached the final round of a new ITV quiz show The 21st Question, set to be aired later this year.

Claire Hann, 26, a primary school teacher, entered the show with the hopes to raise enough money for a housing deposit and cosmetic sur-

gery. The 21st Question will be aired in August.

Feedback sought

MORE than 4,000 people have already given their feedback on how Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) should be run.

A consultation on what small businesses and residents want from the service is currently being held.

Hampshire County Council want people to express how they think the HWRC service can be more modern and good value-for-money.

People can take part in the HWRC survey at hants.gov. uk/recycling.

Residents reassured about RAF helicopter flight paths

IT has been revealed that there are currently no plans to change the routes Chinook helicopters fly from the RAF base in Odiham.

Business aviation airport TAG flights in the area. Airspace Change Proposal.

airspace over Basingstoke is informed." used would mean that RAF Odiham's two departure flights Chineham, who has 25 years would change and could fly closer experience in the Royal Air to Old Basing than before.

the proposals as Chinook heli- on the issue: copters are the loudest in the base, and therefore new areas munity," he said. "There have of Basingstoke could be affected been Chinooks flying from Odire-routed.

commander at RAF Odiham, MP ing wouldn't notice. The changes Maria Miller said: "It is good would be minimal." news at the moment. There are no plans to change any of the flight routes.

"After looking at Farnborough Airport's plans in detail and they don't directly affect Basingstoke."

RAF Odiham expressed serious concerns about the impact of proposed flight path changes as it could potentially affect their training.

They also stated that they were always ready to respond to residents about any questions or concerns they had about helicopter

By Mathew Di Salvo

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Farnborough Airport held a pub- Mrs Miller said: "I will carelic consultation earlier this year fully be monitoring the outcome about their plans to submit their of the consultation so if there are changes to the flight paths, The proposal to change how residents in the area will be

Councillor Paul Miller, of Force and has worked as an air Residents were worried about traffic controller, commented

"We live in a helicopter comby noise pollution if flights were ham since 1983. If the flight paths of the helicopters were to be After meeting with the station rerouted, the people of Old Bas-

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Thousand-mile bike ride for Magna Carta

TO commemorate the 800th a church building project last commissioned manuscripts anniversary of the sealing of weekend.

the Magna Carta, an Odiham Steve Brown started his trip resident began a 1,000-mile from Odiham to Durham on July

of a Magna Carta anthem to churches and cathedrals.

The husband of the vicar of the cycle ride to raise money for 21, where he will be delivering All Saints Church in Odiham, Mr Brown is working towards the goal of raising £250,000 to install new flooring and seating in the building.

Mr Brown said: "I am looking forward to taking on this cycling challenge, travelling across the UK to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta. As a local resident in Odiham, it is good to be part of the celebrations marking our town's link with the birth of English democracy."

During the 20-day bike ride to Durham, Steve will pass through Salisbury, Oxford, Lincoln and Canterbury - "charter towns" where the original copies of the document were kept.

The Magna Carta, deemed to be the most important document in English history, is a charter that was signed in 1215 by King John to limit the powers of the monarchy and protect the rights of the people.

"I look forward to the people I will be meeting along the route and also hope people will give generously so that our church in Odiham can continue to welcome people in the years to come," said Mr Brown.



Steve Brown on his bicycle

















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Water rebate for residents

RESIDENTS of Basingstoke paying unfair water charges may receive a rebate after a motion approved by the council last week.

Local water companies have been unfairly charging some residents for surface water drainage.

Basingstoke and Deane coun-cillor Ian Tilbury raised the motion in a full council meeting

last Thursday, July 17. It was revealed at the meeting that 58 households across the borough had been needlessly

charged a total of £75,000. Councillor Paul Harvey, who seconded the motion said: "The water companies are not putting their customers first. This shouldn't carry on. We need to pass this motion to show local water companies that they need to give better service.

Since 2000, water compa-nies have only been allowed to charge householders for surface water drainage if rainwater from their properties drains into the public sewer. However, residents have been

paying the charge unnecessar-ily and local water companies have not been notifying them when the charge does not apply to properties where surface water drainage does not drain into the public sewer.

It was agreed the council would contact the local water companies to inform them that all residents affected should be offered a rebate dating back to 2000.

The response to the council's action will be reported at a full council meeting in October.

First families move into £20m revamp

By Mathew Di Salvo

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THE first new homes of a £20million housing development in Oakridge have been completed.

The regeneration project, which began last July, will replace 90 outdated maisonettes in Freemantle Close and Taverner Close

with 190 new homes. Sentinel Housing Association presented the first new homeowners with their keys last

One of the first residents was Sabrina Cooke, 38, who moved in with her four-year-old-daughter after getting her keys on July

She said: "It's wonderful to be here.

"The new house is fabulous, it's changed our lives.

"After splitting with my part-ner, we had to move back in with my parents while I saved up for

a place of our own. She added: "I've already met are really nice.

"And we're so excited about 2016. creating our new community.



· The demolition of the 50-year-old buildings in Taverner Close in September last year

some of my new neighbours, who opment is due to be finished by bedroom affordable homes are moving into these first new

March 2015 and the second in part of the project, 69 two-three homes. The shortage of afford-2016. bedroom homes for social rent able homes in the UK has led to

ment finished – especially the children's play areas."

We'd ership a reality for families like to welcome everyone who's Sabrina and her daughter."

reating our new community. As part of the New Horizons and 54 two-four bedroom homes a well-publicised housing crisis over recent years and we're

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Top of Town day

A VINTAGE stalls and creative fun day will be held at Top of the Town next Thursday, July 31.

The event, organised by town centre traders, will include a family treasure hunt, arts and crafts and will run from 10am to 3pm.

Children are encouraged to come along to take part in the free activities.

For more information call retail adviser supporting the event, Sally Williams on 07889173101.

Holiday activities

YOUNG people have the chance to take part in a range of summer holiday activities.

The Summer Streetz project for 11 to 17-year-olds offers youth club sessions, music workshops, sports and art and craft sessions.

It will run from July 28 until August 29 in the evenings. For more information visit

basingstoke.gov.uk/go/ streetz.

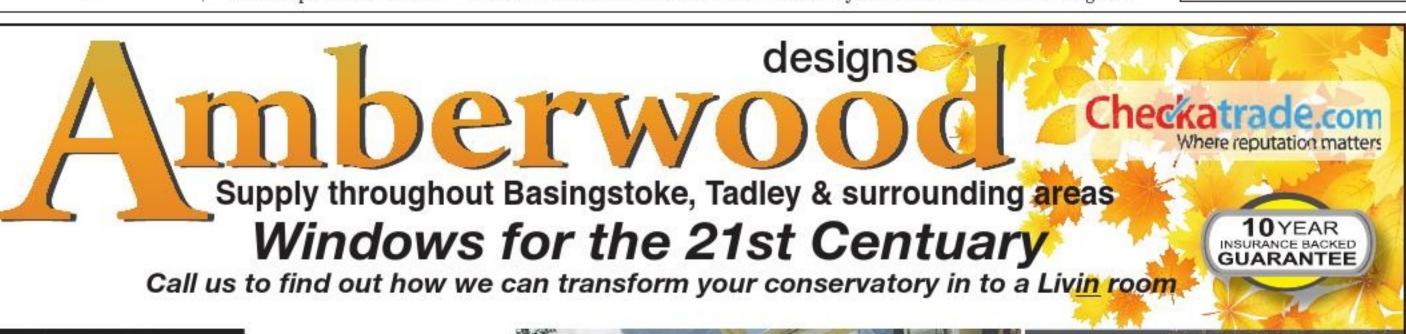
It is part funded by Basing-stoke and Deane Borough Council.

Speed Watch

HAMPSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner has pledged £135,000 over two years to expand a community SpeedWatch programme.
The money will help set up

70 new schemes to help communities tackle speeding.

Volunteers will work alongside police to monitor traffic passing through their area and add them to a database, which the police will use to contact speeding drivers.



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In it to win it

ST. MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the winners from its latest lottery draw from

July 18.
First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 27180 of Basingstoke, while the second prize of £100 goes to 71961 of Oakley.
Third prize of £50 goes to

81313 in Drummer and Hatch Warren ticket 00134 in the forth place gets £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to 01193, 25682, 26560, 27404, 27421, 45487, 66720, 66868, 68228, 68401, 71715, 73834, 77733, 80418, 82372, 86170.

Farming champs

THE British National Ploughing Championships and Country Festival will be held at Wootton St Lawrence on October 10 and 11.

Britain's most experienced and skilled ploughmen will compete at the show - which is expected to see more than 15,000 visitors.

Homes plans

PLANS for 10 homes to be built in Winchester Road have been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

for planning permission.

The proposals would see three six-bed houses, one two-bed house and three twobed flats built on land behind Edson House at 16-18 Winchester Road.

The application was submitted by Genesis Town Planning on behalf of Applecourt Limited.

A target decision date by Basingštoke council has been set for October 13.

Thousands to pedal in hospice bike challenge

By Mathew Di Salvo

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ABOUT two thousand cyclists are due to ride through the North Hampshire countryside on Sunday to raise money for St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke.

The 22nd Big Wheel event on July 27 will start from Down Grange Sports Complex in Pack Lane from 9am.

Cyclists will take on one of four routes - one less than five miles, an 18-miler, a 31-mile route and a gruelling 63-miler.

Organisers are hoping for a record-breaking event with 2,000 taking part - up from 1,200 last

St Michael's Hospice marketing and events manager, Chris Griffiths, said: "Big Wheel is our biggest hospice-led fundraising event for 2014 and attracts both families and serious riders.

"We are blessed to have an incredible venue at Down Grange and stunning countryside for riders to cycle through. • The cyclists taking part in last year's event

best ever year and see as many to raise £60,000 on Sunday. people taking part as possible.

local community to make this life limiting illnesses. event the success it is."

tonight, July 24.



"This year we hope to have our £50,000 and the hospice is hoping

St. Michael's Hospice is a char-"We rely on the support of the ity which cares for people with bike ride for 22 years now.

Registration closes at Midnight shop Winklebury Cycles in Win- ing it. klebury Way have signed up to

Shop manager Declan Langron, 19, from Oakley, said: be able to take part in a 100 metre "We've been involved with the "Little Wheel 3" event on their

ife limiting illnesses.

"It is for a good cause so we will be awarded a medal.
Staff from Basingstoke bike are really happy to be supportTo sign up or for more

people are taking part."

Children aged two to seven will trike bike or scooter at 11am and

To sign up or for more infor-mation about the cycle routes, "It is really fantastic so many go to stmichaelshospice.org.uk/

Expansion success for **Basingstoke** car company

A BASINGSTOKE car company is celebrating its expansion after buying a new dealership in Newbury.

It means City Motor Holdings, in Aldermaston Road South, has reached its goal for three Autoplaza car sales superstores in Newbury, Reading and Basingstoke.

The new Peugeot showroom in Pinchington Lane has been added to its portfolio of 12 dealerships, the company announced on Monday.

The company's success means they have employed 90 extra staff in the last 18 months.

Managing director Steve Hemlock, who has been in the car trade for 45 years, said: "We've got a lot of expansion on the cards all planned for completion by the end of 2014, with some revamping of existing premises and we're also working on some new ones due to launch in 2015."

The company is now in the top 75 in ranking of AM Automotive Groups after a buyout deal in 2012.

Mr Hemlock added: "There will be an official opening ceremony shortly, however in the meantime it is business as usual at the Newbury dealership."

He added the deal is timely with Peugeot planning to release new models this year.

It sells new and used cars and vans, car parts, and runs MOTs and servicing.



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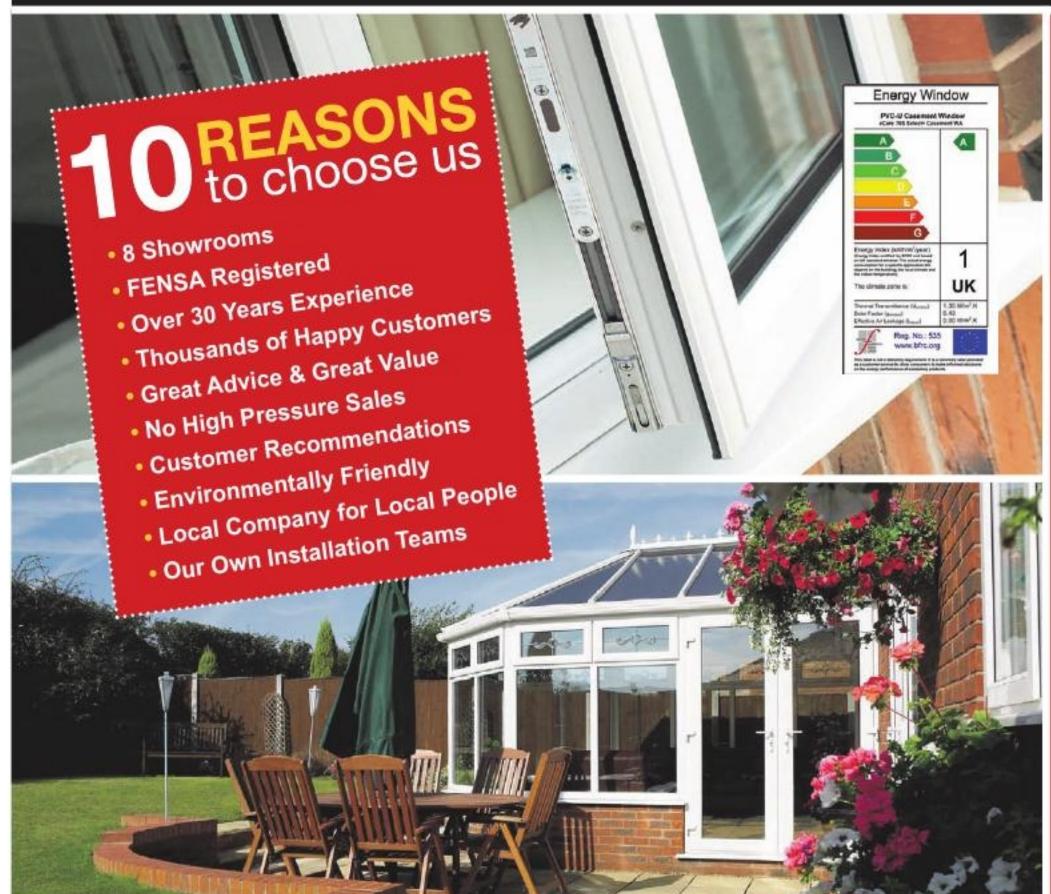
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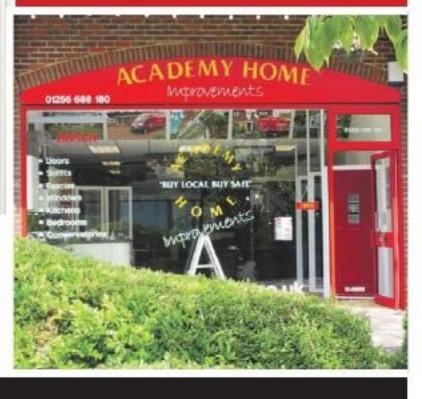












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Noisy burglar

AN OLD Basing resident was woken by a noisy burglar breaking into their home.

Police released an Efit image on Friday (below) of a man they want to speak to in connection with the crime in Dickens Lane on Sunday,

The resident found a man in his home who had broken into the house before he ran away empty handed between 5am and 5.25am.

Police Staff Investigator Phil Vaughan, from Basingstoke Police Station, said: "Do you recognise the man in this efit image? Or did you notice anyone province in the same?" one suspicious in the area?"



Cat charity fair

A CAT charity in Basingstoke is hosting a summer fair this Saturday, July 26.

Activities including a raffle as well as homemade cake, biscuit and gift stalls will be set up at The Viables Community Centre in The Harrow Way from 1pm to 3.30pm.

The fair aims to raise money for Cats Protection charity in

Hatch Lane, Old Basing. It currently cares for 25 cats which need new homes and rehomed 206 last year.

Ex-drug dealer wins top award

A FORMER convict has proven you can turn your life around after winning a national award.

Basingstoke barber Rory Marsh, 30, won a trophy for Association (ERSA) employ- stoke. ability awards in London last month.

employment services, was year. impressed by Mr Marsh who A4e, a public service provider tence for drug dealing.

to help others get their life on tre Plus that helped Mr Marsh.

from prison said: "I want to She said: "I was pleased to help other people coming out of meet the team at A4e in Bas-prisons. meet the team at A4e in Bas-ingstoke and hear about the work

port I did, there would be a lot back into employment. less crime but you have to want Emma Kennedy, an advisor to change.



By Mathew Di Salvo

mathew@taylornewspapers.co.uk

New figures published las week Significant Achievement at the show that the level of unemploy-Employment Related Services ment has dropped in Basing-

Unemployed claimants in the constituency fell to 955 from 1535 ERSA, a body that delivers between June 2013 and June this

was released from prison last that has offices in Basingstoke, is December after a 10-year sen-delivering the work programme on behalf of the Department of Rory Marsh is now trying Work and Pensions and Job Cen-

track. The company was recently
Mr Marsh, who set himself up
to work self-employed barber
four months after his release MP Maria Miller.

"If everyone had the same sup- they are doing to help people get

who works for A4e, said: "We "It's hard work, harder than I normally expect it to take at least ever imagined. But if I can do it, a year, usually more, for a prison leaver to find work.

"They face substantial barriers but Rory came out with such a strong mental attitude.

"He worked his socks off to get a job and is doing well in it."

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Rory Marsh at the awards ceremony in London

Art auction to help raise cash for new cancer centre

AN art auction will be held at the Festival Place shopping centre to raise money for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity this Saturday, July 26.

A table made by artists from the 'All Our Own Work' pop-up gallery in the shopping centre will be auctioned at 6pm.

Earlier this year, Festival Place pledged to raise £10,000 to help build the Ark Cancer Centre.

All money raised from the auction will go towards a £13million cancer care and rehabilitation centre to be built at a site in North Hampshire to be announced.

Vickie Randall, the charity manager at the Ark Cancer Centre charity, said: "Not only is Festival Place supporting the local art community in this auction, they are continuing to support us in our mission to provide state-of-the-art can-cer care to local Basingstoke residents."

The Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner will be at the event.

David Domoney - the TV gar-dener from ITV's 'Love Your Garden' - will be leading the auction.

ASK Italian restaurant donated one of its tables for the artists to use in order to make the unique piece of art. Residents are welcome to

attend the auction.

For more details on the event go to festivalplace.co.uk.

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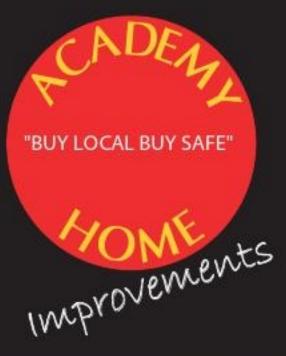
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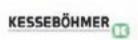












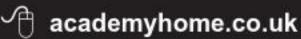




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Volunteering

ASPIRING volunteers can now go to the Basingstoke Discovery Centre for help.

From July 31, Basingstoke
Voluntary Services will be
holding drop-in sessions on
the last Thursday of every
month to answer questions, make appointments and help people decide what local voluntary and community groups they should work for.

More than 1,000 people a year now contact the Volunfeer Centre in Basingstoke to enquire about how to get involved in being a volun-

Anyone who wants to help out and volunteer for charities and causes can go to the Festival Place centre.

Publisher launches 47 website

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 Taylor Newspapers publisher Howard Taylor

FOLLOWING weeks of planning, a new online platform for residents of Basingstoke and beyond, to buy and sell is being launched today.

The sellit247.co.uk website gives sellers the chance to self-manage their own sales and accounts mostly free of fees.

Unwanted items, used cars, third online platform. vans and motorcycles and property to let can all be advertised Director, Howard Taylor, said:

on the site and jobs can be posted "The website is now live but even online easily. The sellit247 site is operated by Didcot-based multimedia publishers Taylor Newspapers from their headquarters in Didcot.

It joins the daily news websites basingstokeobserver.co.uk and tunity for our advertisers and oxfordshireguardian.co.uk as its readers to buy and sell online

Taylor Newspapers Managing

before today's launch we have had over 29,000 visitors to the site from as far as Truro in the west and Essex in the east, which is really encouraging.

"We are providing a new opporand enjoy full control over the selling process.

"Cars for sale posted on the site will also benefit from appearing in the printed version of our newspapers - the Basingstoke Observer and Oxfordshire Guardian group of six weeklies.

"Posts will appear on the site as soon as the advert has been created and we encourage sellers to make use of the free image uploads where up to four pictures can be uploaded to aid the selling process."

Users can create their own username and login to manage their own account.

News Bite

Kids bear hunt

TO celebrate the 25th anniversary of Michael Rosen's famous children's book, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', children and staff at the Kiddi Caru Day Nursery in Basingstoke had a week of fun.

From July 14, children at the nursery in Broadmere Road were able to partake in a variety of bear-themed activities.

These involved decorating teddy bear biscuits, making bear ears and having a pic-

Each child donated £1 to raise money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).

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Father and son invent anti-back pain device

A FATHER and son from Old Basing teamed up to invent a device to try and solve back pain problems for drivers.

Dr Graham Cox, 53, and his dad Ronald spent the last four years at home inventing the product.

The device, named SHOFT, attaches to a vehicle's seat belt tongue to keep the seatbelt tight to the pelvis, stopping drivers usedbyper-from slouching. formance "Working with my father is a car driv-

pleasure," said Dr Cox.

"He is good at keeping me on as the the right track. I couldn't have a CG-Lock

managing the business market-cal mind."

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kinder, nicer or stricter boss." device.

Dr Cox got inspiration to create the product after a career spent device.

He said he started working with his father because of his "techni-

ing and selling of a safety device "We have got really good feedback from the device

so far and hope to raise enough money to produce more so it can be on the market at the end of the year. "Our first commer-

cial run sold out in a week so we need to move to a higher production facility to meet demand.

"Explaining our product and the benefits to a wide population will hopefully motivate people to pledge small donations to help fund us." With the help of

crowdfunder.co.uk, the creative pair are hoping for public donations to help the device take off.

If they receive enough donations, the product should be mass-produced and on sale at the end of the year.

 Above (Left to right) Dr Graham Cox and his father Ronald, and the SHOFT device

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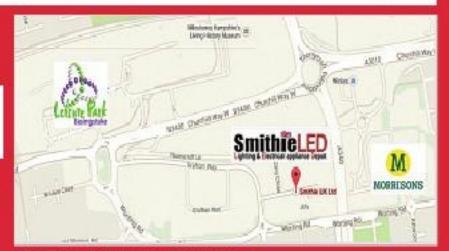
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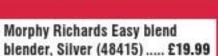
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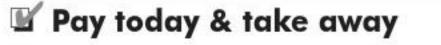
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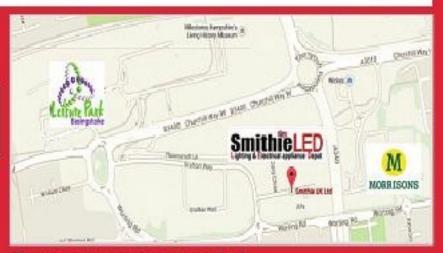
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An Egyptian mystery of mumies hits Anvil stage

BREAKDANCING mummies and spooky pyramids are in store for Scooby Doo and the gang at The Anvil from tomorrow, in a theatre remake of the classic TV show.

The Mystery of the Pyramid sees one of the cast. Fred, Velma, Daphne, Shaggy and Scooby come face to face with Pharaoh Hatchepsout, and soon encounter his dangerous wrath.

And it features everything that is synonymous from the TV series, including the theme song, physical comedy, and a supply of Scooby snacks.

"It's set in Egypt, and the gang has gone to help solve the mystery," said Josh Little, who plays Fred.

"There's lots of slapstick comedy and the mystery is unveiled by the gang with the brains of Velma, the silly ideas of Fred, and of course Shaggy and Scooby doing the dirty work.

"It's all good family entertainment, fun job I've had." the kids really enjoy it, and there's a lot of audience participation."

Josh also spoke of how he used to watch Scooby Doo as a child, and how he never expected to end up playing uk or call 01256 844244.



"I watched it every morning before school," he added. "I never thought I'd get to play Fred, but I guess I didn't know I wanted to be an actor until I was about 16.

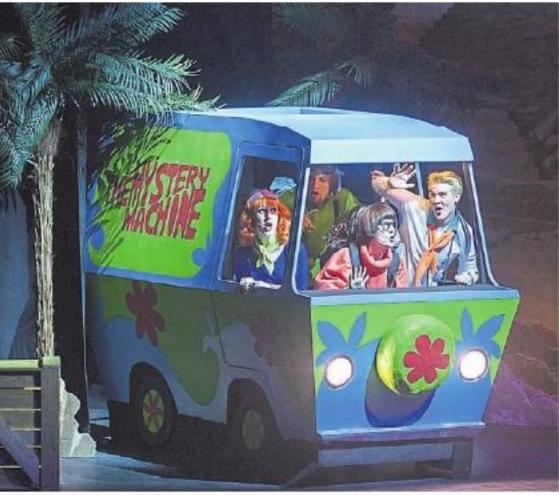
"I'm really enjoying it. It brings so much happiness to the kids, and we just get to sing on stage and play cartoon characters, so we're having a really good time.

"Generally we've had great audiences who are all participating, the kids are screaming their heads off, and they've got no voices left by the end of the show.

"For me it's probably been the most

The first show is at 7pm tomorrow, then at 2.30pm and 7pm on Saturday and Sunday.

For more details, go to anvilarts.org.



Scooby, Shaggy, Fred, Velma and Daphne solving the mystery of the pyramid

The Gruffalo

CHILDREN'S entertainer and actress Charlie Sanderson hosts an interactive storytelling party at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre today.

She will be singing and staging a number of activities for youngsters based on the popular book The Gruf-

It starts at 11.15am, and costs £2

Dance show

THE Fusion Dance Academy return to The Haymarket for Showtime 2014, a new show bringing a range of different dance styles together in one performance.

Their annual display will feature contemporary and classic songs, and promises to get the audience members toes tapping along.

Two shows are planned for tomorrow and Saturday. Go to anvilarts.org. uk for further details.

Kids activities

A FUN day filled with a variety of activities and entertainment for children is being held at the Proteus Creation Space next Wednesday.

Youngsters can take part in a puppet-making workshop, watch a secret cinema screening and enjoy a disco complete with lights and lasers.

It is running from 10am to 5pm.

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Vintage fair for charity

A DIVERSE mix of the best goodies from throughout the 20th century will be on offer at a vintage fair at Elizabeth Hall in Hook on Saturday.

Dolly's Summer Fair will feature hand-made crafts, clothes and a vintage tea-room among other attrac-

It will be opened by former Olympic swimmer Kathy Reid.

The fair aims to raise money for stillbirth charity Sands, after organiser Genevieve Baldwin's daughter Imogen Genevieve added. died at birth last year.

"I was 41 weeks pregnant, my due date had passed and Imogen wasn't moving as much as she was before," said Genevieve.

"I went to hospital and they said that babies go quiet before they're born, and not to worry about it.

"But I went back a few days later because I still didn't feel right, and there was no heartbeat so I was induced and she was stillborn a few days later."

Since then Genevieve has been running a number of Dolly's Vintage vintage.co.uk.



events, all raising money for babyrelated charities.

Last year, they raised more than £6,000 for Tommy's, a charity which works towards improving babies'

"The fairs have gone really well,"

"This is our second time at Hook and we've been to Old Basing twice.

"For this one we've got Kathy Reid coming to open the fair, and we're hoping to get her cutting the ribbon, signing autographs, all that kind of thing.

"I found Kathy through Twitter. I had a campaign #DollyNeedsACeleb and she retweeted a tweet I'd sent, so I asked her to come and open the fair and she said that would be great!"

Saturday's fair starts at 10am and runs until 3pm.

For more information, go to dollys-



Genevieve (right) with friend Sharon Dann, who has helped with previous fairs

Art workshop

A WORKSHOP teaching visitors how to create mixed media portraits is taking place at the Willis Museum next Tuesday.

Artist Louise Abbott will be tutoring on how to make the best portraits, in an event that ties in with The Artists Rifles exhibition at the museum.

Workshops start at 11am and 2pm, and cost £7 per person.

Comedy fest

THE latest Phoenix Comedy Festival in Bordon takes place tomorrow, featuring the talents of Seann Walsh, Marlon Davis and Elliot Steal.

Seann is well known for his television work, while Marlon has appeared at the Edinburgh Festival and Elliot is the son of veteran comic Mark

It starts at 8pm, and further details can be found at phoenixarts.co.uk.

Sing-along film

AN evening of singing along to tunes from the classic 1976 film Bugsy Malone will run at the Proteus Creation Space next Wednesday.

The venue is screening the original version of the film from 5.15pm, and encouraging visitors to join in with the songs as they watch.

For more information go to proteustheatre.com.

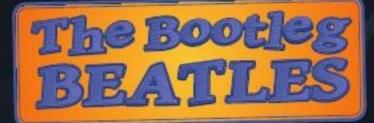




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Michael. "An Evening of Burlesque's content - sparkling glamour, physical humour and a dynamic score are appreciated in any language." facebook.com/BurlesqueShowUK

Scooby-Doo! -The Mystery of the Pyramid Friday 25 July 2014 7pm. Saturday 26 July 2014 2.30pm and 7pm Sunday 27 July 2014 2.30pm and 7pm at The Anvil







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an afternoon the festival has grown to a three day monster that draws 20,000 fans to see up to twenty different bands that cover a wide range of music.

This year's headliners for the 35th festival include Capercaillie, Steve com Hackett and Genesis Extended and the customary Saturday night closing performance from host band Fairport Convention will be preceded by a set from Al Stewart. Other notable acts include The Waterboys, Edwina Hayes, Benjamin Folke Thomas, Churchfitters, Travelling Band, The Wonder Stuff, Chas & Dave, The Australian Pink Floyd Show, Richard Digance, Blackbeard's Tea Party, Reg Meuros, Cara Dillon, Marillion. As in previous years, Cropredy will feature the win-

Closing date:

Friday, July 25, 2014

If it was just the music it would be enough but Cropredy also has an From it's simple musical session over amazing relaxed atmosphere that is unequalled at any other UK summer event. This year the festival runs from Thursday the 7th to Saturday 9th of August. For more details and to book tickets visit www.fairportconvention.

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Q: Which band is playing the closing set of the festival?









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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

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- 11 Viewpoint (5)
- 12 Darkness (5) 13 Portion (9)
- 16 Former name of 19 (4,5)
- 19 African state (5)
- 20 Plain (5)
- 22 Issue (7)
- 23 Fetter (7)

- Quick Clues Down
- I Country (6)
- 8 Brought into agreement (7) 2 Telephone (4)
 - 3 Inquiry (13)
 - 5 Sea (8,5)
 - 6 Distinguishing emblems (8)
 - 7 Resources (6)
 - 9 Dig (5)

 - 15 Settled (6)
- 24 Eating (6) 21 Deer (4)

- of the century (6)
- 8 Atomic piles without a change to clergymen (7)
- 10 Jealous that a space for print has five promissory notes (7) 5 Announcement of promotion
- 11 Preserves the remedies (5)
- 12 Odd afterthought for the remnants (5)
- 13 Feeling of having sent round a new beginning to time (9)
- 16 Drink in the titles of those who are called after one another (9) 14 On time? An awkward way of
- 19 Move the garment (5)
- 20 But he need not always propose marriage (5)
- 22 Push back the hair before our attempt to captivate (7)
- 29 Insures the break of dawn (7)
- 24 A quiet contract would give satisfaction (6)

17 Lends (5)

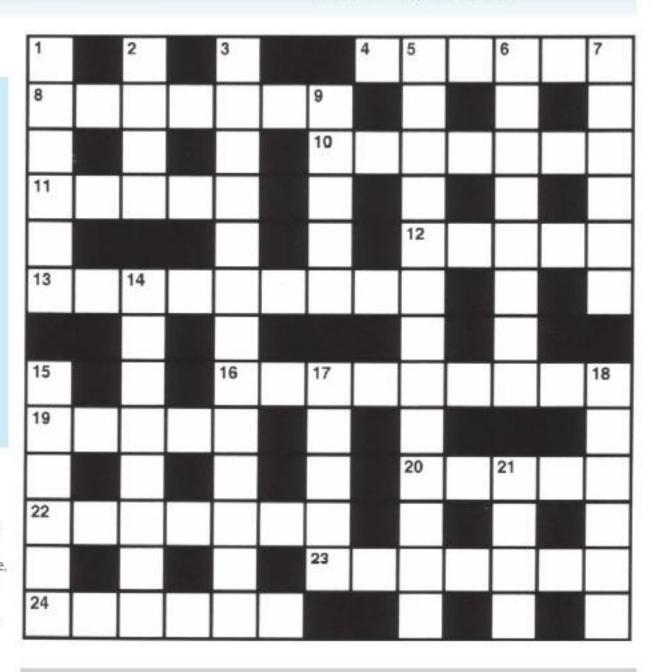
14 Offering to a god (8)

18 Aim (6)

Cryptic Clues Across

Cryptic Clues Down 4 A curve of yellow after the start | Zig-zags round the right

- courses (6)
- Result of an injury in a serious car accident? (4)
- 3 Aware the prong is bent inside, but governed by what is right
- 6 Express disapproval it's still a kilometre to the ship - and how to find the place (8)
- 7 Is in the remainder and can withstand (6)
- 9 A common sight? Either meaning can give the answer
- making a suggestion (8)
- 15 Not aware that the snake has come round the sheltered side
- 17 Open spaces for Othello's compatriots (5)
- 18 There could be an oak in the shortened version of the road
- 21 Proud that those in front had one (4)



Scribble space

This week's solutions

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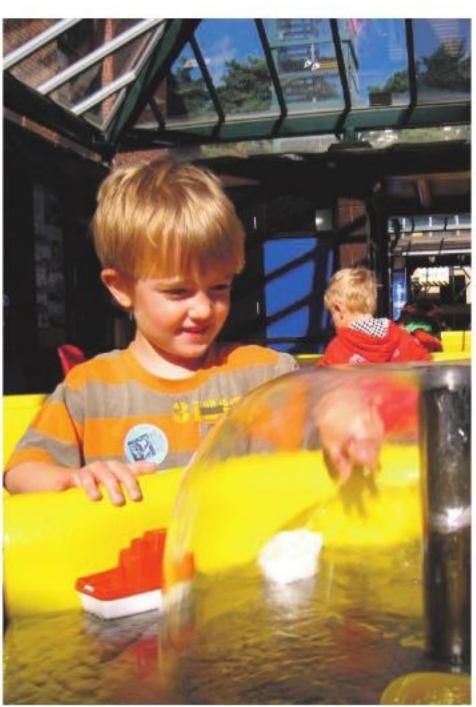


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With a coffee shop and gift shop on site, there's no need to leave the building if it's cold or wet. The Look Out Discovery is open daily from 10am -5pm (except 24th-26th December and 12th-16th January 2015. Just off J3, M3 or J10, M4

Summer holidays, 23rd July – 1st September 2014

Extra FREE activities for our visitors include dinosaur puzzles, colouring and wordsearches. Plus, we have The Big Dinosaur Show which is on daily over the summer holidays. Find out who ate who in the dinosaur world in this fun show and improve your knowledge about dinosaurs! (Subject to minimum numbers and additional charge to the main admission charge).

Admission charge

The super saver ticket is just £19.05 for 2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children (valid until 31.3.15). Children aged 3 and under are free! Special parent and toddler rates for term time. There is a £2

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She goes on to explain that this year has been quite the opposite! Not enough rain has meant the maize has also struggled to grow, giving all the staff room for concern. The staff all remain positive that this year will be better than ever, with the viewing platform, etching and rubbing boards it really is an experience for all the family to enjoy....come and get lost at Cholderton Charlie's Farm!







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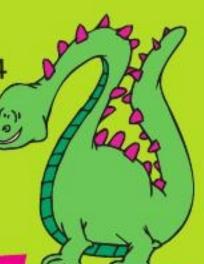
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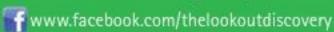


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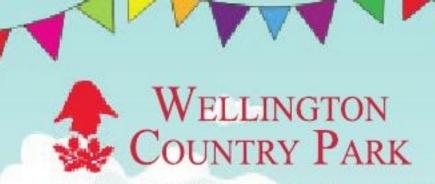








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So the Japanese manufacturer decided to bring out the MX-5 Roadster Coupe 2.0-litre 25th anniversary limited edition, to mark the car's 25th anniversary this August.

With the car's different variety of body colours, two petrol engines and convertible roof, the MX-5 is dubbed the ultimate 'let's take a spontaneous drive away' car.

Also known as the Roadster in Central America and in its native Japan, the MX-5 has been described by Top Gear magazine as the best selling sports car on the planet.

The car is such a hit in the UK, that Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson REVIEW: Mazda MX-5

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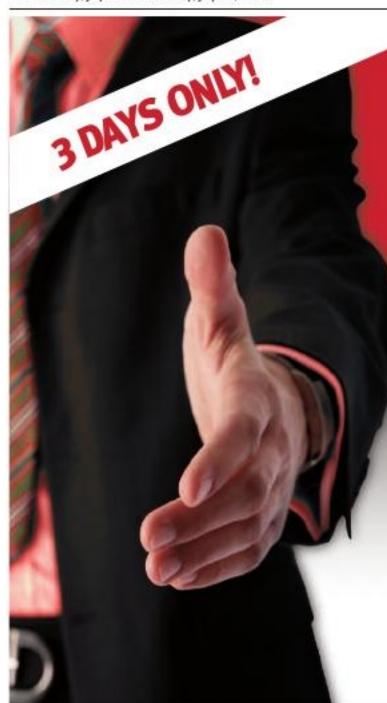
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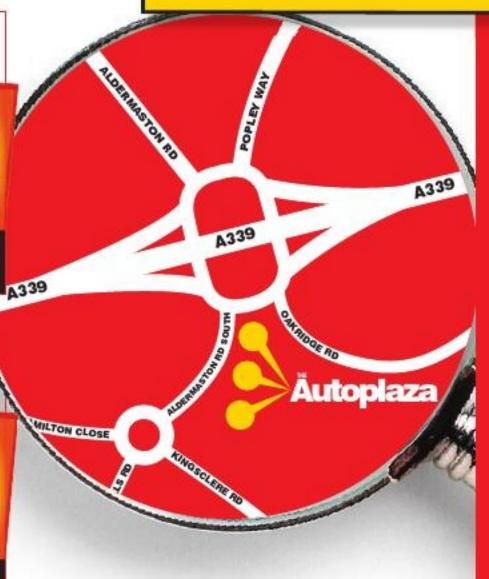




















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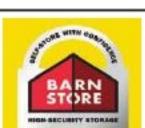
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Weller-Evans and Lawday "good fits for Sport Bites Winterway the future" as Herd prepare for season

DOUG Sheppard has added two more players to his Basingstoke Bison squad in the past week ahead of the new English Ice Hockey Premier September.

Netminders Dan Weller-Evans and Jordan Lawday join the first team. already signed Dean Skinns as Bison's shot-stopper selec-

the role of back-up after signing week with Bison. from Wightlink Raiders, while

Last season, Weller-Evans Lawday. played eight games with the Raiders and recorded a save player-coach Sheppard said: ratio of 89 per cent.

The 20-year-old also collected two shut-outs along the way.

He has previously played in the Bison junior programme, having team where Deano is number lived in Basingstoke since the one, but he is prepared to work age of four.

for the Bison and I only heard the room. good things about the team," said Weller-Evans.

me and I am ready for the new in this position. season."

Lawday was the under-16 and future.

By Adam Flinn

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League season, starting in under-18 Bison goalie last season, putting in some noteworthy performances to move up to the

He will continue to play for the under-18 and Basingstoke ions. Buffalo squads in the coming Weller-Evans, 20, will take on season, while training twice a

"Training with the Bison can Lawday, 16, will be the Herd's only improve my game, so it is a third goalie. great opportunity for me," said

> Speaking of his new signings, Both players live in the town and want to play for the Bison, which is great for us.

"Dan knows he comes to a hard in training and I am sure "I have always wanted to play he will be a great addition to

"Jordan is another young "I know what is expected of ranks and gives us good depth

"They are two good fits for the



 Doug Sheppard (pictured) has brought in Dan Weller-Evans and Jordan Lawday to the Bison squad (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

Wintney woe and Jamboys draw

HARTLEY Wintney lost their second match in théir pre-season campaign on Saturday, as they were beaten 4-1 by Wok-ingham and Emmbrook.

It comes after a 5-1 win over Aldershot Academy and a 5-3 defeat to Thatcham Town in the preceding week.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch United were involved in an entertaining match against Lyndhurst FC, drawing 4-4. The Jamboys are unbeaten in their first three friendlies,

after a 4-1 win over Otter-bourne FC and a goalless draw with Hamble FC.

Wintney will next face Daventry Town on Saturday, while Whitchurch are scheduled to play Gillingham FC on Tues-

Hamilton makes Selleslagh switch

BASINGSTOKE sports car driver Archie Hamilton has joined the Selleslagh Racing Team for the remainder of the 2014 International GT Open season.

Hamilton had been racing with V8 Racingteam, but will now partner Spanish driver Issac Tutumlu in racing the Corvette GT2 car.

"I had some great races with the V8 Racingteam and I want to thank them for everything," said Hamilton.

"We had more than our fair share of bad luck and could have had much better results without some minor issues."

Hamilton and Tutumlu came fifth in their first race together at Silverstone at the weekend, before they were able to reach the podium by coming third in race two.

'Stoke narrowly beaten by Fawley but Hook claim victory

BASINGSTOKE and North from Fawley's Tom Gates left The result drops Basingstoke Hambledon's 231 was easily for 176. They are now second in Hants suffered a narrow defeat the visitors needing just 18 runs to third in the league standings overcome by Hook, who only their league, with five wins and in Division One of the Southern from their last nine overs. Cricket League, losing by two And a spirited comeback from bury Athletic. wickets at home to Fawley.

from their 50 overs, and looked 229 target with just seven balls to be in trouble after a century to spare.

Hambledon by eight wickets to go to be enough to beat Langley Hook visit Fawley and Wintney fifth in the Division One table.

Manor, as they were bowled out host Paultons.

wickets at home to Fawley. Basingstoke proved to be in But there was joy for Hook In Division Two, Hartley Win-Basingstoke travel to Liphook The hosts had set a target of 228 vain, as Fawley reached their and Newnham Basics, who beat they's run total of 230 proved and Ripsley on Saturday, while

behind New Milton and Saris- lost two wickets during their three losses to show for their season so far.

Rose finishes middle of the pack as on-song Rory reigns supreme at Royal Hoylake

Hoylake course on Sunday.

formance gave Justin Rose a victory, having won his two previ-share of 23rd in the Open Cham-ous events at the Scottish Open already 10 shots behind leader shire golfer eventually ended the Mickelson. Writing on Twitter, Rose said: "Well done to my mate Rory, who pionship at Liverpool's Royal and the Quicken Loans National and eventual winner Rory McIl- tournament on five under par. now world number two McIlroy at at the end is the guy next to the

Hoylake course on Sunday. in Maryland. roy going into the weekend. He shared 23rd place with fel-the end, who won his third major (Claret) jug that we were all striv-Rose went into the champion-Opening rounds of 72 and 70 A three under round of 69 moved low Englishman Chris Wood and title having led the tournament ing to be."

A SOLID if unspectacular per- ship as one of the favourites for put Rose two under par after the Rose up the order, before a level defending Open champion Phil throughout.

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TOWN IN A STRONG POSITION' - BRISTOW

BASINGSTOKE Town manager Jason Bristow said he is "excited" by the way his side are playing after the Dragons drew 1-1 with Sky Bet League Two side Newport County on Dragons are playing. Tuesday night.

ised from close range on the ment to us," he said.

said the performances and have liked."

"The players we retained from results are giving his side ahead last year have shown huge pro- of the Conference South season gression from this time last year opener at home to Hemel Hemp-

in have adapted really well and we are in a very strong position season a bit low.

"Results don't mean anything and it's exciting."

port throughout and ended the els at this stage but it is great game on the front foot with Tom to see the performances being Bird dragging a shot wide. rewarded with results." Bird dragging a shot wide. rewarded with results."

And Bristow said County manMeanwhile, forwards Lloyd

ager Justin Edinburgh's reaction Macklin and Sam Argent have to his own team's performance signed for the club after impress-was testament to how well the ing during pre-season.

By Jack Johnson

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"The reaction from their man-Chris Flood delightfully curled ager at half-time and full-time Town in front on 10 minutes where he was giving them a bit before Aaron O'Connor equal- of a telling off was a big compli-

half-hour mark. "We stopped them from playing
The Dragons are unbeaten so
far in pre-season but Bristow the space and time they would

structure of his side is the most pleasing aspect.

Bristow is also encouraged by the mental boosts the positive

and it is really showing in our play now," he said.

"The players we have brought that mentality and if you have

and it is more about the per-Bristow's men matched New- formances and the fitness lev-



 Liam Enver-Marum battles for the ball with Newport County defender Darren Jones during Tuesday night's 1-1 draw (Picture by Les Chase)

Basingstoke Town **Newport County**

